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GUATEMALA FOR USAID AND ROCAP

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SUBJECT: PERT WORKSHOP

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1. AS MENTIONED IN REFTEL, OLYMPUS INTERNATIONAL OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, WAS SELECTED AS CONTRACTOR FOR THIS WORKSHOP. LAST WEEK THE PROPOSED CONSULTANT/INSTRUCTOR FOR THE WORKSHOP HAD TO WITHDRAW FOR MEDICAL REASONS. WE DID NOT COMMUNICATE WITH YOU EARLIER BECAUSE OF THE DELAY CAUSED IN SEARCHING FOR AN APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTOR FOR THE WORKSHOP. THE CONTRACTOR HAS NOW SELECTED DR. LUIS RIVERA AS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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INSTRUCTOR, WITH WHOM AID/W MET ON APRIL 22 TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE WORKSHOP. TALKS ALSO HELD ON APRIL 23.

2. DR. RIVERA IS PRESENTLY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CURRICULUM

AND RESEARCH, BILINGUAL CHILDREN'S TV, INC., BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA. HE HAS M.S., PHD. FROM FORDHAM UNIVERSITY IN EDUCATIONAL PLANNING (STATISTICS, PSYCHOMETRICS, LEARNING, COMPUTER PROGRAMMING). HE WAS TRAINED IN PERT WHILE AT FORDHAM AND IN USE OF FORTRAN IV COMPUTER PROGRAMMING. HE HAS APPLIED PERT IN DEVELOPING A NATIONAL SURVEY RESEARCH PROJECT IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION IN US, EVALUATION OF FIVE HEW PROJECTS IN EASTERN US, DEVELOPING PRODUCTION OF

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL TV SERIES ON PBS IN US. HE HAS TAUGHT PERT AT UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH, NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, MONTCLAIR STATE COLLEGE, AND PRC METRONAMICS NEW YORK CITY.

3. WE PLAN TO FORMALLY BEGIN THE WORKSHOP AT 9:00 AM, MONDAY, MAY 5, IN THE ICAITI BUILDING IN GUATEMALA CITY. THE WORKSHOP WILL BE CONCLUDED THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 9. RIVERA WILL THEN VISIT WITH VARIOUS MISSIONS AS REQUESTED BY THEM.

4. OUTLINE OF WORKSHOP PROGRAM: BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH ONE ABOVE, WE DO NOT HAVE AT THIS TIME A DETAILED OUTLINE OF SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED EACH DAY OF THE WORKSHOP. BUT BASED ON OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH RIVERA, THE WORKSHOP WILL CONSIST OF SHORT LECTURES, USE OF AS MANY CASE STUDIES AS POSSIBLE AND SMALL TEAMWORK ACTIVITIES, IN ORDER TO APPLY PERT PROGRAMMING TO LOAN AND GRANT PROJECTS.

5. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS: RIVERA WILL PREPARE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN SPANISH TO BE HANDED OUT AT THE WORKSHOP. THESE WILL BE REPRODUCED IN AID/W AND BROUGHT TO THE WORKSHOP. HOWEVER, SOME REPRODUCTION MAY HAVE TO BE DONE AT ROCAP. SIMILARLY, WE PLAN ALSO TO PROVIDE A SMALL GROUP OF RELATED PAMPHLETS AND ARTICLES BOTH IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH TO EACH PARTICIPANT.
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6. FOR ALL PARTICIPATING MISSIONS;
(A) WHILE WE ACCEPT CANDIDATES AS PROPOSED, PLEASE INFORM ROCAP NAMES AND POSITION TITLES OF ALL PARTICIPANTS (AMERICAN AND HOST-COUNTRY), AND THEIR ETA GUATEMALA. ROCAP WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND PROVIDE OTHER LOGISTICS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.
(B) IN ORDER TO PLAN AHEAD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, PLEASE PROVIDE OR CONFIRM NUMBER OF DAYS DESIRED FOR FOLLOW-ON VISITS BY RIVERA. THE ORDER OF VISITS BY RIVERA TO SPECIFIC MISSIONS WILL HAVE TO BE DECIDED DURING WORKSHOP SESSIONS.
(C) ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING PROJECT MATERIALS WHICH THEY WISH TO WORK ON DURING WORKSHOP SESSIONS.

EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO RESPOND TO PARTICIPANTS' PROBLEMS IN PERTING VARIOUS PROJECTS, BUT IN LIGHT OF WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND NEEDS IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COVER ALL PROJECTS.

7. FOR ROCAP:

(A) FIRST, WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE ASSISTANCE YOU HAVE PROVIDED US SO FAR AND WILL BE GIVING TO THE WORKSHOP DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 5.

(B) SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION: BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH RIVERA, HE PREFERS NOT REPEAT NOT TO USE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATING SERVICES. HE FEELS THAT SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION WOULD DETRACT FROM HIS DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH ATTENDEES, BASED ON EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING GROUPS WITH MIXED LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES. WE NEVERTHELESS APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTION.

(C) WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE AN INFORMAL GATHERING SUNDAY EVENING IN ORDER FOR RIVERA AND ATTENDEES TO MEET EACH OTHER BEFORE FORMAL WORKSHOP SESSIONS BEGIN ON MONDAY?

(D) HAVE FIFTY COPIES OF AID'S PAMPHLET ON PERT SENT APRIL 8 ARRIVED? IF NOT, PLEASE ADVISE.

(E) PLEASE BUY 30-50 COPIES HILL'S ICAITI PERT PAMPHLET.

8. FOR PANAMA: USAID SUGGESTED FOUR PANAMANIAN AS ATTENDEES. THE CONCEPT BEHIND THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR THE AMERICAN PROJECT MANAGER TO WORK AS A TEAM WITH HIS HOST-COUNTRY PARTNERS IN THE WORKSHOP. IN LINE WITH THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCEPT THEREFORE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT USAID/PANAMA NOMINATE TWO AMERICANS AND TWO HOST-COUNTRY NATIONALS INSTEAD OF FOUR HOST-COUNTRY NATIONALS.

9. FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: IN LINE WITH CONCEPT NOTED ABOVE, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR USAID TO NOMINATE AN AMERICAN TO WORK WITH THE ONE HOST-COUNTRY NATIONAL ALREADY NOMINATED?

10. FOR HAITI: NOTWITHSTANDING YOUR RESERVATIONS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE 0820, DO YOU WISH TO SEND AN ATTENDEE TO THE WORKSHOP? KISSINGER

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